GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Drought Prone Area Programme is in operation since 1974 with the objective of mitigating the adverse effect of drought on the production of crops and live stock, productivity of land and restoration of ecological balances;

(b) if so, the amount spent on these programmes since its inception, State-wise;

(c) the achievements made thereunder during the last three years, and the current year, State wise, especially in Rajasthan;

(d) whether the outcome is satisfactory as compared to the expenditure incurred on these programmes;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to get better results ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (ANNASAHEB M.K.PATIL)

(a) Yes, sir. The Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) is in operation since 1973-74.

(b) The Statement indicating the amount released by Central Government (State-wise)states for implementation of DPAP since its inception, is enclosed as Annexure-I

(c) During the last three years and in the current year, 8572 Projects have been sanctioned under the Programme. Out of these, 385 Projects have been sanctioned to the programme districts of Rajasthan. One project is of an average size of 500 hactare.A Statement indicating the Projects Sanctioned state-wise and year- wise is enclosed as Annexure-II

(d),(e) and (f) The Programme though under implementation from 1973-74 could not neutralize the adverse impact of the overall process of degradation due to various factors. A wide range of activities were taken up in the past by spreading them thinly over a widely dispersed area. This tended to defuse focus on efforts to be made for achieving the core objectives of the programme. Further, attempts at mitigating the sufferings of the people were aimed at the provision of ad-hoc relief through income generating activities funded from the programme without integrating such works with other programmes for land and water conservation. A Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.H.Hanumantha Rao, former Member, Planning Commission had reviewed the contents, methodology, funding pattern and institutional mechanism in the implementation of the area development programmes including DPAP and recommended suitable corrective measures On the basis of the recommendations of the Technical Committee, the Programme is now being implemented on integrated watershed development basis under the Guidelines for Watershed Development with effect from 1.4.1995. The Guidelines envisage comprehensive measures for development of the natural resource base of the project areas. Further the responsibility of planning, implementation and management of the watershed projects have also been delegated to the watershed communities with technical and financial support from the Government and non-governmental organisations. Upto 31.3.2000, the cost norms for development under DPAP were Rs 3000-5000 per hectare .These have now been revised to Rs 6000 per hectare w.e.f 1.4.2000. The funding pattern was 50:50 between Centre and State Governments upto 31.3.1999. This has since been revised to 75:25 w.e.f 1.4.1999.

Annexure-I
Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 2364 for 4.12.2001
DROUGHT PRONE AREAS PROGRAMME (DPAP)

CENTRAL RELEASES SINCE INCEPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

STATE	Amount Released Rs. (in Crore)

Andhra Pradesh	295.33
Bihar	78.01
Chattishgarh	12.68
Gujarat	136.34
Haryana	17.19
Himachal Pradesh	9.75
Jammu & Kashmir	34.66
Jharkhand	15.69
Karnataka	167.90
Madhya Pradesh	205.37
Maharashtra	202.39
Orissa	69.00
Rajasthan	111.47
Tamil Nadu	111.39
Uttar Pradesh	188.58
Uttranchal	7.09
West Bengal	49.22
Total	1712.06

Note:- The amount released upto 1999-2000 for the Programme districts of Chattishgarh,Jharkhand and Uttranchal is included in Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh respectively as bifurcation of States took place only in 2000-2001 Haryana was covered under DPAP only upto 1994-1995

Himachal Pradesh came under DPAP coverage from 1995-1996

Annexure - II

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha Question No. 2364 for 4.12.2001

DROUGHT PRONE AREAS PROGRAMME (DPAP) CENTRAL RELEASES SINCE INCETPION OF THE ROGRAMME

Sl.No.	State	No.of Projects Sanctioned				Total
		4th Batch 98-99	5th Batch 99-00	6th Batch 00-01	7th Batch 01-02	
1	Andhra Pradesh	700	587	314	166	1767
2	Bihar	0	0	28	46	74
3	Chattishgarh	0	0	197	101	298
4	Gujarat	55	230	329	110	724
5	Himachal Pradesh	0	17	77	36	130
6	Jammu & Kashmir	22	0	132	44	198
7	Jarkhand	0	19	200	173	392
8	Karnataka	0	248	266	245	759
9	Madhya Pradesh	0	265	657	238	1160
10	Maharashtra	0	219	578	296	1093
11	Orissa	0	0	111	221	332
12	Rajasthan	0	18	271	96	385
13	Tamil Nadu	103	299	0	61	463
14	Uttar Pradesh	0	286	93	92	471
15	Uttranchal	0	90	58	90	238
16	West Bengal	0	0	60	28	88
	Total	880	2278	3371	2043	8572